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Disputed new state law expands DNA database

DNA sample now required from everyone in New York convicted of a crime, no matter how small ◆ Gov. Cuomo signed bill into law yesterday

Think twice before you jump that turnstile to make a subway train: According to a new law, fare beating could not only mean a misdemeanor on your record, but also a swab of your DNA entered into New York's state database.

With Gov. Andrew Cuomo's signing of the controversial bill into law yesterday, New York became the first state in the nation to require DNA samples from every person convicted of a crime.

The law, which goes into effect Oct. 1, requires law enforcement officials to take DNA after any conviction. Previously, the database included DNA from people convicted of felonies and some misdemeanors, but the new law includes every misdemeanor, even minor ones such as fare evasion or resisting arrest.

After convictions, DNA will be swabbed from a person's cheek in a $30 test.

Manhattan District Attorney Cyrus Vance, who pushed the legislation, said the law will lock up criminals such as Curtis Tucker, who Vance said attempted to rape 15-year-old Jessica Reyes. After the 2004 attack, Vance said, Tucker went on to commit several misdemeanors, but evaded being linked to the assault on Reyes.

Curtis was only matched to Reyes after he submitted DNA following conviction for a violent robbery and assault in 2010.

Supporters like Mayor Michael Bloomberg say the database could lead to exonerations. But others questioned the law.

The New York Civil Liberties Union argued that the bill is more likely to create human errors, ending in wrongful convictions.

"If you are guilty of a crime or misdemeanor you will be in the databank," NYCLU spokeswoman Jennifer Carnig said. "Period."

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▶ In an interview with Metro, Manhattan District Attorney Cyrus Vance said the DNA database will net criminals who commit misdemeanors on their way to more heinous, violent crimes.

You're busted

Anyone convicted of any of the following misdemeanor crimes must now undergo a cheek swab and have their DNA entered into the system:

- Fare evasion
- Shoplifting
- Reckless driving
- False advertising
- Graffiti
- Resisting arrest

Marijuana exception

The only people excluded from having their DNA taken are those convicted of having small amounts of marijuana, if they don't have a criminal record.

"That exception just shows how ridiculous all of this is," NYCLU spokeswoman Jennifer Carnig said. "If you think people that get caught smoking pot or holding pot should not be in the database, then you probably also think people who jump over the turnstile should not be in there, too."

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Richard Aborn
President of the Citizens Crime Commission
nycrimecommission.org

New York criminal justice now in the 21st century

Yesterday, the governor brought the criminal justice system into the 21st century with the expansion of the DNA databank to include all crimes upon conviction.

DNA is an incredibly powerful tool with the ability to both convict the guilty and exonerate the innocent. This is a solid victory for law enforcement, the defense bar, and all New Yorkers.

We know from experience that violent criminals often commit nonviolent minor offenses first. In 2006, the DNA law was expanded to include some misdemeanors, resulting in law enforcement able to convict 1,460 criminals.

Of offenders linked to homicides and sexual-assault cases via the DNA databank, 34 percent had been required to submit a sample after being convicted of a lesser crime. DNA is just as powerful a tool for clearing the innocent as for convicting the guilty.

Donna Lieberman
New York Civil Liberties Union Executive Director
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DNA databank expansion long on politics, but short on real justice

Allowing police to collect a genetic sample from every person convicted of any crime in New York State does little to enhance public safety while increasing the likelihood of flawed prosecutions and wrongful convictions.

Forcing people convicted of low-level offenses like turnstile-jumping and shoplifting to submit a genetic sample to the DNA databank will require the processing of tens of thousands of additional samples annually, exponentially increasing the potential for error, fraud and abuse.

This unprecedented expansion does nothing to address the increasingly apparent inadequacies of the state's regulatory oversight of police crime labs, nor does it establish rigorous statewide standards regarding collection, handling and analysis of DNA evidence.

In the news

Sgt. Rex to be reunited with NY Marine

Marine Megan Leavey will finally be able to adopt Sgt. Rex, the military dog she served with in Iraq, Sen. Chuck Schumer announced last night. The Air Force signed off on the adoption papers for Leavey to adopt Rex and the Marine Corps are concluding the final paperwork. METRO/EAE

In the news

Livery robbers

Police are looking for two men they say robbed a livery cab driver Saturday. According to police, around midnight two suspects entered a livery cab in Gravesend. One man showed the cabbie a gun and demanded money. The other suspect also simulated having a gun. METRO/AB

Mets owners settle in Madoff case, avoid trial

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▶ Mets co-owner Fred Wilpon was accused of ignoring warning signs that Bernie Madoff was running a fraud while the team invested with him.

The owners of the New York Mets agreed to pay $162 million to settle a lawsuit by the trustee seeking money for the victims of Bernard Madoff's fraud, in a surprise deal that eases pressure on the owners of the cash-strapped baseball team.

The pact was announced in U.S. District Court in New York yesterday just as a trial was about to start.

The Mets owners were accused of acting in bad faith in their dealings with Madoff. Their case would have been the first involving the imprisoned financier to go to trial.

The trustee, Irving Picard, claims they benefited improperly from Madoff's fraud.

Picard had accused the Mets owners, brothers-in-law Fred Wilpon and Saul Katz, of ignoring warning signs that Madoff was running a fraud during their 25 years of investing with him. The owners denied the accusations and said they, among thousands of others, were victims of the massive fraud.

Madoff ran a Ponzi scheme in which he paid old clients with the money from new investments, and the Mets were one of his many clients.

Many of Madoff's relatives and associates were lured to invest with the promise of steady high returns that turned out to be bogus.

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The owners of the Mets invested with Bernie Madoff for 25 years and say they were ignorant he was running a Ponzi scheme the entire time.

The settlement calls for payments over a five-year period, easing some of the immediate pressure on the finances of the Major League Baseball team. The Mets have struggled in recent years and continue to live in the shadow of the much more successful New York Yankees.

The deal allows Wilpon and Katz to avoid having their business affairs spilled out in court.

Wilpon and Katz will not have to pay any money until the fourth year.

The $162 million could end up being mostly paid with money returning to the owners' Sterling Equities firm as a result of being a victim of the massive fraud. **REUTERS**

Originally sought $1 billion

NEW YORK. Irving Picard's original complaint against the Mets owners was filed in bankruptcy court in December 2010, seeking $1 billion, but it was whittled down to $386 million. If a jury had ruled against the owners, they would have been liable for $303 million on top of as much as $83.3 million in "fictitious profits."

For Picard and his team of lawyers, the settlement brings an additional $162 million into the pot to pay back victims of Madoff's fraud, the biggest in investment history.

Picard estimates that Madoff customers were defrauded out of about $20 billion overall. He has said he will try to recover as much money as he can through the courts. So far, he has won settlements amounting to $9.1 billion, $2.2 billion of which has so far been distributed to swindled customers. **REUTERS**

Case could be precedent

NEW YORK. Yesterday's settlement with the Mets could provide a template for the trustee's other cases still pending against hundreds of individuals, funds and banks such as HSBC Holdings PLC, JPMorgan Chase & Co. and UBS AG. The settlement was reached on Friday, but kept secret until yesterday when the judge announced it in court. "This settlement is for the benefit of all the customers," David Sheehan, the lead lawyer for Picard, told reporters. **REUTERS**

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NY man charged in mosque bombing

Man indicted after he allegedly threw homemade bombs at mosque, Hindu temple May have grudges

Federal and state grand juries indicted a New York man yesterday on suspicion of hate crimes in connection with five New Year's Day Molotov cocktail attacks, including one against a mosque and another on a building used as a Hindu place of worship.

The attacks alarmed religious leaders concerned over violent religious bigotry, though police said the suspect may have also been motivated by personal grudges.

The suspect, Ray Lazier Lengend, 40, confessed to all five fire-bombings upon being arrested two days after the attacks, police said at the time.

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▶ The al-Khoei Foundation

Police said Lengend admitted to them he planned to "take out as many Muslims and Arabs as possible ... and made further references to his dislike of Muslims, Arabs and Hindus," the Queens district attorney's office said in a statement.

Lengend allegedly poured gasoline into five glass containers — at least one was identified as a Starbucks Frappuccino bottle — and threw them while lighted at different locations in Queens, causing varying degrees of fire damage, authorities said. No one was injured.

One of the targets was the Imam al-Khoei Foundation, a Shiite organization where 75 to 80 worshippers were inside the mosque, imam Maan Alsahlani said at the time.

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More security at Jewish sites

NEW YORK. In other news, the NYPD ramped up security at synagogues and other Jewish institutions citywide yesterday following the deadly attack on a Jewish school in Toulouse, France.

Police increased patrols at more than 40 locations, said NYPD spokesman Paul Browne. New York, home to more than 1.4 million Jews, has the largest Jewish population of any metropolitan area outside of Israel, said Levi Fishman, spokesman UJA-Federation of New York.

Protest. Civil liberties

▶ "The protesters from Occupy Wall Street are not terrorists, yet the NYPD is treating them as just that," said New York City Councilman Ydanis Rodriguez at Zuccotti Park.

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Occupy Wall Street rallies again in Zuccotti

Four members of the New York City Council met with injured Occupy Wall Street protesters yesterday in Zuccotti Park to denounce what they say was excessive force used by the NYPD when 73 protesters were arrested at the park Saturday night. OWS is also calling for residents from across the city to respond with protests this coming Saturday. **METRO/CB**

Israeli 'Bomb Shelter Museum' seeks to open in New York

Arts group wanted to bring controversial exhibit that simulates terrorist attack to Morningside Heights

They say they want to foster peace and dialogue

The group Artists for Israel is trying to secure a spot for their controversial "Bomb Shelter Museum" — an immersive, multimedia installation exhibit that simulates a terror attack in Israel — after a failed attempt to house the art piece at Columbia University.

Students would walk into the shelter, an exact replica of those found in Southern Israel, and be surrounded by blasts of sound and flashing videos made to represent actual Qassam rocket assault on the city of Sderot.

Artists for Israel had hoped to open on Columbia University's campus on March 26, but they did not get the school's approval, an Artists for Israel spokesman told Metro last night.

"The event was never going to happen," said Tor Tsuk, a Hillel official. She said Hillel would be open to hosting the event at the end of the semester or next year, if at all.

According to the arts group, Columbia and Barnard students who visited Israel on Birthright Israel trips wanted their campus to "viscerally feel what Israelis went through last week during the repeated rocket strikes upon towns and cities in Southern Israel."

The event would have been sponsored by the Birthright Israel Alumni Community, according to the Columbia University Hillel website. "It is an incredible use of art to ... stimulate meaningful dialogue," Hillel wrote on its website.

COURTESY OF ARTISTS FOR ISRAEL

▶ Artists for Israel wants to give people a chance to experience a simulated terrorist attack in a bomb shelter like the ones found in Israel, such as this one above.

"We expect that the Bomb Shelter Museum will display the horrors suffered by Israelis at the hands of ... terrorists and, by so doing, begin to end them."

CRAIG DERSHOWITZ, PRESIDENT, ARTISTS FOR ISRAEL

Second time's the charm?

This would not be the first time the Bomb Shelter Museum has paid a visit to New York City.

Last March, Artists for Israel installed the shelter in Washington Square Park, but the NYPD and the Parks Department shut it down after just half an hour.

They had not filed the proper sound permits for blasting sirens, NYPD officials told Metro at the time.

Palestinian groups protested the piece, saying that it unfairly portrayed the conflict.

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Wendy's knocks BK out as No. 2

LOS ANGELES. Hamburger chain Wendy's knocked Burger King from its spot as the second-largest U.S. hamburger chain in 2011, but sales of both companies continued to lag McDonald's, the country's No. 1 restaurant chain.

The combined revenues of Wendy's and Burger King came to just under $5 billion last year, when total revenue at McDonald's rose 12 percent to $27 billon, according to earnings statements from the companies.

Five Guys Burgers and Fries was the fastest-growing U.S. chain with sales if more than $200 million. **REUTERS**

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▶ You know when it's real? When Wendy's knocks off the King.

Alleged shooter was close to losing home

A world away from the isolated camp in the plains southwest of Kandahar, Afghanistan — where U.S. soldiers seized homemade bombs and weapons caches in nighttime raids — U.S. Army Staff Sgt. Robert Bales' other life was crumbling.

The Army sniper's home in Lake Tapps, Washington, where wife Karilyn once made Impossibly Easy taco pie and watched Mickey Mouse Clubhouse with his young daughter, was to be sold for $50,000 less than what they'd paid. They'd already defaulted on another home, scheduled for public auction in 2009 after the couple fell $15,644.19 behind in payments. Bales had failed to get the promotion that stood to ease their financial stress.

Sometime before dawn on March 11, the Army alleges, the decorated veteran hiked to two villages and killed 16 Afghanistan civilians, including women and children, in their homes. A U.S. official has said family stress and alcohol may have combined to prompt the shootings. Friends, neighbors and experts in post-traumatic stress disorder contend that something else must have driven a man they know as unfailingly polite to such horrific acts.

"It is PTSD plus something," said Harry Croft, a former Army doctor who has reviewed about 7,000 cases of post-traumatic stress disorders. "To kill innocent women and children indicates to me that something happened during these killings that was simply more than the product of PTSD," said Croft, who's the author of "I Always Sit with My Back to the Wall," a book aimed at people who suffer from PTSD.

"He was not thinking of his family," Croft said. "I do not think he was thinking about the children. I do not think he was thinking about the women. I do not think he was thinking about the reprisals." **BLOOMBERG**

'Mild-mannered'

John Henry Browne, Bales's lawyer, called his client "in general very mild-mannered" with "a very strong marriage" at a news briefing last week, denying that alcohol or marital stress were factors. The possibility of post-traumatic stress disorder and the adequacy of his screening for a concussive head injury will be examined, according to the lawyer.

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Will lack of focus doom Santorum?

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If Mitt Romney seals up the GOP presidential nomination before the August convention — an eventuality looking more eventual with each passing day — Rick Santorum may have only his own campaign to blame.

This is because of a backroom deal struck by the two campaigns over a pair of organizational difficulties each faced in Illinois. For Romney, the problem was a failure to acquire the necessary signatures to qualify for delegates. Santorum stared down a similar problem, lagging in petitions for 10 congressional districts.

The Romney camp challenged Santorum's petitions, and Santorum challenged back. Then both candidates decided to rescind their challenges, allowing Romney onto Illinois ballots and allowing Santorum to collect delegates in (all but four of) Illinois' 18 congressional districts.

These sorts of thing should never happen, especially in well-organized campaigns like Romney's. But happen they did, and the Santorum camp — at that point not yet running as the clear Romney alternative — missed an opportunity to keep Mitt away from the state's 69 delegates. (As it stands, Santorum has forfeited 10 of these.)

So now it's on to Illinois today, where polls put Romney at a commanding lead. This is bad news for Santorum, who must win nearly 65 percent of all remaining delegates to prevent the impending Rom-ination.

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▶ Santorum has been outperforming polls, but Illinois may be the candidate's last chance.

And it's even worse than that: As David Corn points out, Romney's real magic number isn't 1,144 as most report, but 1,104; that's because Utah, the last state to hold a primary, on June 26, awards its delegates on a winner-take-all basis to any candidate that wins a plurality of votes. Romney, who won all the state's delegates in 2008, is a heavy favorite to do so again, considering the Beehive State's big Mormon voting bloc.

Santorum needs to stop Romney from reaching 1,104 delegates. Yet he traded a chance at doing so for a shot at some of his own, from which he won't even benefit greatly.

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He said, we said

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RICK SANTORUM, IN A QUOTE DUG UP FROM APRIL 1994, COMPARING HIS THEN-SENATE CANDIDACY TO 1989'S TIANANMEN "TANK MAN," THE FAMOUS IMAGE SHOWING A MAN BODILY BLOCKING A COLUMN OF MILITARY TANKS IN BEIJING. WE AGREE THAT THERE AREN'T MANY MORE POWERFUL WAYS TO FRAME ONE'S CANDIDACY FOR ELECTORAL OFFICE. SUDDENLY, WE HARDLY MISS GINGRICH.

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$2.50	1840 to 1929	$5.00	1839 to 1908	$20.00	1850 to 1933
$3.00	1854 to 1889	$5.00	1908 to 1929		

Your Coins Could be Worth Up To Hundreds — Even Thousands!

Check your items to see if you own any of these valuable coins:

$1.00	1849C	Up To	$10,500
$2.50	1796 Capped Bust large left side	Up To	$18,000
$2.50	1841 Quarter Eagle Liberty Head	Up To	$5,000
$3.00	1854D	Up To	$10,500
$5.00	1795 Small Eagle	Up To	$52,000
$5.00	1838D	Up To	$10,500
$5.00	1842C Small Date, 1901D, 1854S	Up To	$6,500
$5.00	1909O, 1929	Up To	$6,500
$10.00	1899O, 1863S, 1875	Up To	$8,000
$20.00	1856O, 1854O, 1850O, 1861S, 1870CC, 1886, 1891	Up To	$10,500

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Breitling	$15,000	Hamilton	$500	Tiffany & Co.	$15,000
Cartier	$12,500	Illinois	$1,500	Ulysse Nardin	$10,000
Corum	$3,000	Jules Jurgenson	$16,000	Chronograph Watches	$16,500
Girshiem	$14,000	LeCourtre	$6,000	Ladies Watches	$11,000
Dudley	$11,500	Longines	$13,000		
E. Howard & Co.	$12,000	Movado	$2,500		
Elgin	$750	Omega	$2,500		
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Romney is headed for Illinois win, say polls

Mitt Romney may be headed for an important victory in Illinois today that would help him put more distance between himself and Rick Santorum, his chief rival for the Republican presidential nomination.

A new poll by Public Policy Polling said Romney leads the conservative Santorum by 45 percent to 30 percent in Illinois. Former U.S. House of Representatives Speaker Newt Gingrich had 12 percent and libertarian Congressman Ron Paul, 10 percent.

Romney, who has struggled to put away Santorum, leads the former Pennsylvania senator in the race for the 1,144 delegates needed to win the Republican presidential nomination. He has 518 delegates to Santorum's 239, according to CNN. **REUTERS**

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▶ People lay flowers in front of the Ozar Hatorah Jewish school yesterday in Toulouse, southwestern France.

Four killed as attack on Jewish school linked to soldier killings

A gunman on a motorbike shot dead three children and a teacher at a Jewish school in Toulouse yesterday, just days after apparently killing three soldiers nearby, prompting President Nicolas Sarkozy to say France should not give in to terror.

With the attacker still on the loose, police stepped up a manhunt in the city of a million people in southwestern France and prosecutors opened anti-terrorism investigations, although it was not clear whether the motive was political or racist.

The soldiers were also killed in drive-by shootings, which a spokeswoman for the prosecutors' office said appeared to have been carried out by the same man. **REUTERS**

S&P climbs to within 10 percent of all-time high

The S&P 500 rose yesterday to trade less than 10 percent below its historic closing high set in October 2007, as news that Apple will start paying a dividend again added to optimism spurred by weeks of strong economic data in the United States to continue to lure investors into U.S. stocks.

The S&P 500 Index rose 6.03 points, or 0.43 percent, to 1,410.20.

The S&P 500's session high of 1,410.44 was less than 10 percent below the benchmark's historic closing high of 1,565.15 set on Oct. 9, 2007. **REUTERS**

Windfall for investors as Apple pays dividend

Apple Inc. CEO Tim Cook, moving swiftly after taking over from the late Silicon Valley icon Steve Jobs, fulfilled a longstanding desire of investors by initiating a quarterly dividend and share buyback that will pay out $45 billion over three years.

The world's most valuable company will start paying its first dividends since 1995 — a regular quarterly payout of $2.65 a share — in July, and buy back up to $10 billion of its stock beginning in the next fiscal year.

The $10 billion annual dividend program, which Cook said will be reviewed periodically, ranks among the largest current U.S. corporate cash payouts. Yet it disappointed some fund managers, given the immense war chest Apple boasts, and a 1.8 percent dividend yield that lags the Standard & Poor's 500 average.

Cook told analysts yesterday that "making great products" remained top priority.

Jobs' former lieutenant has impressed Wall Street since taking the helm. He made his mark revealing Apple's production partners and initiating investigations into allegations of labor abuse in its supply chain, and addressing investors directly at this year's Goldman Sachs conference. But the question of whether the operations maven can envision revolutionary products still lingers for some. **REUTERS**

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▶ Apple Inc., the world's most valuable company, will start paying its first dividends since 1995.

Foxconn 'not out of the woods yet'

Foxconn Technology Group, the top maker of Apple Inc.'s iPhones and iPads, is not off the hook after a U.S. radio show retracted a program critical of working conditions at one of its Chinese factories. The Hong-Kong based China Labour Bulletin said Foxconn still employed harsh working conditions. **REUTERS**

HOW IMPORTANT WAS HE?

Advice

ADAM HANFT

BRANDING STRATEGIST

Steve Jobs' last words, famously, were "Oh wow. Oh wow. Oh wow." Since his death, the most important businessman in the world suddenly looks less so. While Jobs' death triggered agonized predictions about the prospects for Apple, it seems they could be overblown.

After all, its stock price is soaring. The "New iPad" has provoked the same frenzied lines and consumer demand we've come to expect. (True, this is a product that had Jobsian fingerprints all over it.) The rumors about a breakthrough television are flying. And the company is sitting on a billion dollars in cash.

So was the irreplaceable stature of the legendary CEO exaggerated? I don't think so.

Even if it appears that Apple didn't skip a beat, it would be a rush to judgment to conclude that everything will continue to be copacetic in Cupertino. Here are the worms in the Apple that may present themselves:

Post-dictator tribalism: For all his genius, Jobs ran the company with an oligarch's heavy hand. But as the mourning dissipates, the natural fractiousness of organizations will eventually appear — and it's unlikely that Tim Cook will be able to keep his band of talented, strong-willed individuals from internal strife.

The public can't love you forever: In Wall Street, they say trees don't grow to the sky. Neither does loyalty. Apple's remarkable run will eventually be threatened by a perfect storm of the working conditions at Foxconn and its other factories, and its zealously guarded walled garden that's beautiful but imprisoning for users. There are other huge issues. The need for Apple TV to succeed; even a slight hiccup will bring back the "There's no real Apple without Steve" naysayers. And in the future, the need for paradigm innovation like the iPod, iPhone and iPad — as opposed to incremental innovation, which is all we've seen thus far.

So my answer to the question about Steve Jobs' criticality is exactly the same as the answer the Chinese communist leader Zhou Enlai gave when asked about his reaction to the French Revolution: "Too soon to tell."

Quoted

"Jobs' death triggered agonized predictions about Apple."
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NJ is among best fighters of corruption

Despite a well-deserved reputation for scandals, New Jersey is among the state leaders in the fight against official corruption, with most states doing a poor job, according to a wide-ranging study released yesterday.

Five states received a "B" grade for accountability and transparency and eight got an "F" in the investigation by the nonprofit groups Center for Public Integrity, Global Integrity and Public Radio International. No state got an "A."

The 18-month project is the most comprehensive study of state laws and practices that bolster openness and deter corruption, the investigators said.

The five states receiving "B" grades were New Jersey, Connecticut, Washington, California and Nebraska. The eight failing states were North Dakota, Michigan, South Carolina, Maine, Virginia, Wyoming, South Dakota and Georgia at the bottom.

Nineteen states got a "C" and 18 received a "D."

For New Jersey, being among the leaders is "counter-intuitive" but a tribute to its corruption-fighting reforms, said Nathaniel Heller, managing director of Global Integrity. REUTERS

"To be at the top of this list is sort of to win a beauty contest where not anybody is particularly pretty to start with." HELLER

Ads. Cigarettes

▶ The ads depict graphic images of cigarettes' effects.

Court: Tobacco health labels OK

A federal law requiring large graphic health warnings on cigarette packaging and advertising does not violate the free speech rights of tobacco companies, a federal appeals court ruled yesterday. REUTERS

New study says neutrinos obey speed of light limit

LONDON. New research suggests neutrinos that appeared to break one of Einstein's fundamental theories by travelling faster than the speed of light actually keep within the universal speed limit after all.

The latest measurement of the subatomic particles' speed of flight from the CERN research center in Geneva to Gran Sasso in central Italy contradicts an initial superfast reading reported last September, which caused a scientific sensation.

Since then, more doubts have crept in about the original claims, especially after news last month that the first finding may have been distorted by faulty cabling.

The new analysis was done by researchers working on a separate experiment called ICARUS. Using independent timing data and measuring seven neutrinos in the beam sent from CERN, they found the time was exactly consistent with the speed of light. REUTERS

Mobile banking becoming more common: Study

NEW YORK. A new study from the Federal Reserve says that 20 percent of bank customers used mobile banking at least once in the last year, and 20 percent more say they will use it by the end of 2012.

The survey, Consumers and Mobile Financial Services, was released last week. Inside, the report gauges the growth of mobile banking and concludes it's definitely shifting into higher gear.

The Fed pulled together all the survey numbers, did some calculations, and now concludes that at least one in three American banking customers who own a smartphone will engage in mobile banking by 2013. MAINSTREET.COM

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THE WORD

Metro's **Dorothy Robinson** shares her take on the world of gossip @dorothyatmetro dorothy.robinson@metro.us

The feed ...

Checking in with some of Hollywood's biggest names to see what they've been up to — in their own words, in 140 characters or fewer.

Katy Perry is trying to pay attention, Russell Crowe is keeping at it, Kiefer Sutherland wishes you well and Alec Baldwin is sleepy.

@katyperry
The universe is speaking. Listen to it.

@russellcrowe
pm workout 25 mins of stretches and light weights,30 lengths of the pool (600m)

@RealKiefer
Don't have anything clever to say (not that I ever have) but having a great day & hope you are too!

@alecbaldwin
Today is a big day. A momentous day. Today is the day I ....that I .....
zzzzzzzzzz.....zzzzzzzzzz

Sutherland

'Jersey Shore' to return for Season 6

Despite the cast being pulled in a myriad of directions ("The Pauly D Project" and "Snooki and JWOWW vs. the World," to name two spin-off shows), apparently all of the cast members have time for the OG — that's "Original Guido" — "Jersey Shore."

It was announced yesterday that production for the sixth season of the show is set to begin this summer in Seaside Heights, N.J.

"America's favorite housemates will all return to their home-away-from-home, and the house dynamic is headed into unchartered territory … as their lives outside the 'Shore' take off in exciting new directions," MTV said in a press release. "While things will definitely be a little different this time when they hit the boardwalk, their trademark hilarity and family dysfunction will remain the same."

A sixth season? Talk about beating a dead meatball, MTV. But I'm sure they'll still get the audience, if only rubberneckers who are tuning in to see what kind of maternity swimsuit the knocked-up **Snooki** is going to wear.

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▶ "Jersey Shore" is making the most out of Snooki's pregnancy, teasing the new season with the tag line, "fist pumps and baby bumps" — probably the most clever thing to come out of this news.

Brown

Brown is engaged to her 'brother'

A little more than a month since her mom, **Whitney Houston**, passed away, **Bobbi Kristina Brown** is reportedly engaged to **Nick Gordon**, the man raised as a son by Houston, according to People magazine. "Yes, they are engaged, but the family is trying to coax her away from it," a source says, while a second source confirms that "Nick asked Krissi about a week ago to marry him." Brown has been spotted sporting a diamond ring that is thought to have been Whitney's.

Ah, being engaged to her "brother." I think we can all agree that this is going to end very well for everyone involved.

Talking points

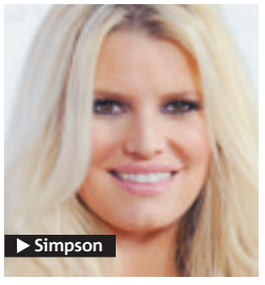
Paltrow writes her own books, 'kay?

Gwyneth Paltrow is taking the New York Times to task over reporting that she'd worked with a ghostwriter for "My Father's Daughter," a cookbook she released last year. "Love The New York Times dining section but this week's facts need checking. No ghostwriter on my cookbook, I wrote every word myself," Paltrow posted to Twitter in response to an article that named **Julia Turshen** as the book's uncredited collaborator. The article even stated that Turshen is "writing a second cookbook with Gwyneth Paltrow after their collaboration on 'My Father's Daughter.'"

▶ Paltrow

Simpson's baby shower

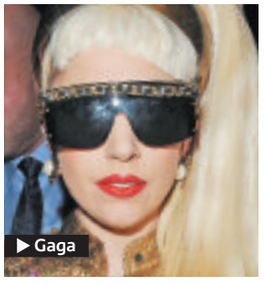
With her baby due any day now, **Jessica Simpson** held a lavish baby shower at her home this weekend, with family and friends including **Ellen Pompeo**, **Jessica Alba** and sister **Ashlee Simpson** in attendance, according to Us Weekly. "It was a kid-friendly shower, with many of her friends bringing babies," a source says. "She received tons of gifts, mostly wrapped in pink gift wrap and boxes. There were several books, stuffed toys and clothes, among other items."



▶ Simpson

For Lady Gaga: Mum's the word

Lady Gaga is looking to keep her mouth shut for a while, she reveals in an interview with **Oprah Winfrey**. "Other than this interview, Oprah, I do not intend to speak to anyone for a very long time," the pop star says. And it looks like she's not going to be listening very much, either: "The latest thing I do is, I don't read a damn thing," Gaga says. "No press, no television. If my mom calls and says, 'Did you hear about?' I don't want to know nothing about anything that is going on in relation to music. I shut it all off."

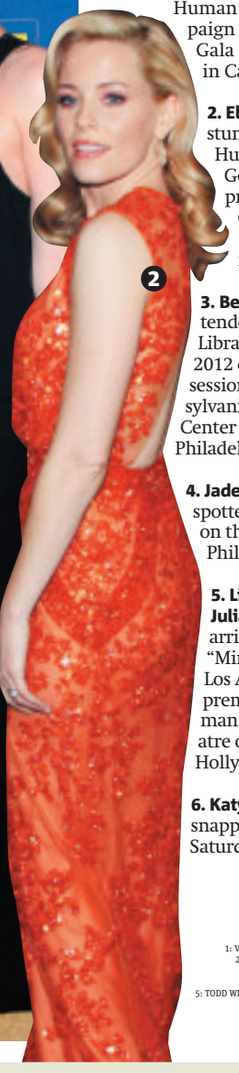


▶ Gaga

O'Dowd comes to Fox's defense

While her public feud with **Michael Bay** may have cost her a role in the last "Transformers" film, **Megan Fox** earned at least one new supporter: her "Friends with Kids" co-star, **Chris O'Dowd**. "Who wouldn't have a fallout with [Bay]?" O'Dowd tells the Toronto Sun. "She called him an a—hole. Well, he is a f—ing a—hole. Why has she been singled out?" One difference between Fox and O'Dowd, though? O'Dowd wouldn't work with Bay in the first place. "I would never f—ing watch his films, never mind go and act in them."

A weekend of parties, premieres and Philadelphia



1. Charlize Theron spoke at The Human Rights Campaign Los Angeles Gala on Saturday in California.

2. Elizabeth Banks stunned at "The Hunger Games" Germany premiere at the Cinestar movie theater Friday in Berlin.

3. Betty White attended the Public Library Association 2012 closing general session at the Pennsylvania Convention Center on Saturday in Philadelphia.

4. Jaden Smith was spotted on Saturday on the streets of Philadelphia.

5. Lily Collins and **Julia Roberts** arrived at the "Mirror Mirror" Los Angeles premiere at Grauman's Chinese Theatre on Saturday in Hollywood.

6. Katy Perry was snapped on Saturday in London.

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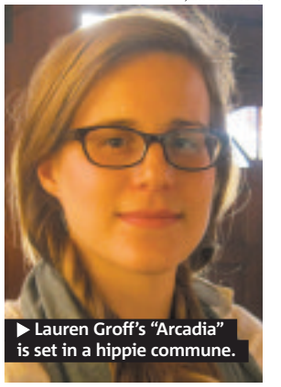
▶ Lauren Groff's "Arcadia" is set in a hippie commune.

Though Lauren Groff's captivating new novel, "Arcadia," is set in an imploding commune in upstate New York during the 1970s, the work feels modern and relevant. "This book was a direct over-reaction to the passivity and cynicism I felt in the world when I began it four years ago," she says. Groff answered a few questions for us about the beauty of upstate New York, the impact of motherhood on her writing and the idealism of the '60s.

"Anything that expands your empathy and makes you feel more for other people will make you a stronger writer of fiction."
GROFF

If you go

▶ **Lauren Groff**
Tomorrow, 7 p.m.
McNally Jackson
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You've set two novels in upstate New York, where you were raised. What is it about that part of the state that makes it a great place to set a book?
I love upstate New York, with its chilly lakes and hills and pensive old cows. I miss it very much, and I think I return to it because I like the feeling of living there for a few hours a day. Also, because my childhood was set there, it feels like a good place for books about wonder and childhood.

This book is set initially from the perspective of Bit, a young member of the commune. You have two young boys yourself. How much has motherhood impacted your writing?
Fiction is the province of empathy. Anything that expands your empathy and makes you feel more for other people will make you a stronger writer of fiction. I have two boys and, with the arrival of each, it felt as if I'd grown an extra heart. There's that much more potential for pain, but I felt three times stronger about everything than I did before. The main character of Bit is directly derived from my big boy, Beckett, with whom I was pregnant when I tried to glom onto the idea of hope and idealism.

You started writing this long before the emergence of Occupy Wall Street. Do you feel like there's a kinship between the idealism of the '60s and '70s and this current movement?
I hope so. … I want so badly for the Occupy movement to make huge sweeping changes, though the ones that it will probably make will be more subtle if just as far-reaching. I feel a bit external to both historical eras — I wasn't born in the '60s, and I was crazed with this book and my babies while writing and wasn't as involved in Occupy as I might have wanted to be — and that puts me in the category of avid watcher of both eras.

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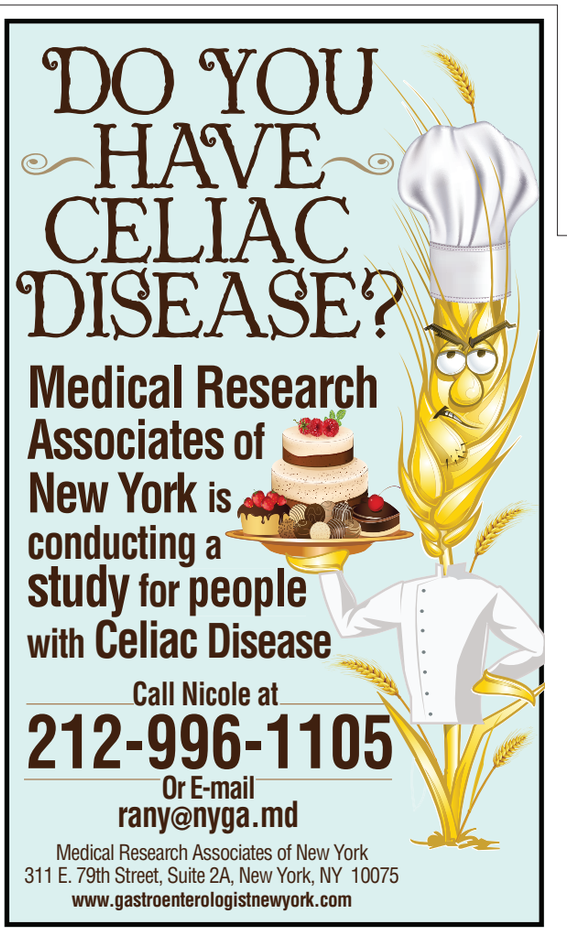
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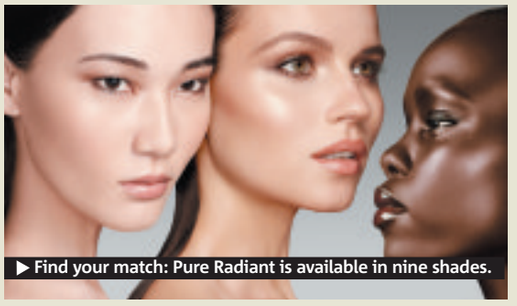

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Nars tinted moisturizers

With highs expected to reach the 70s all week, summer is just around the corner — meaning it's time to stash your heavy foundations and switch up your beauty routine to a lighter formula. NARS Cosmetics just introduced a tinted moisturizer that not only covers all of your flaws, but also works to correct discoloration and dark spots at the same time. The new oil-free formula — made with natural ingredients such as deep sea algae — contains hydrating, anti-aging and skin-brightening benefits, not to mention the highest level of sun protection found in tinted moisturizers: SPF 30. Let the sun shine!

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TINA CHADHA

What we're into

Sheer ankle socks

1 Soon it will be time to ditch stockings and tights for bare legs. But we love how ankle socks can dress down high heels, and these sheer ones from Philippe Matignon add a sexy wink to just about any outfit.

Philippe Matignon Socquette Transparency, $20 for a pack of two, www.herroom.com

Laduree & Tsumori Chisato

2 Cherry blossoms are blooming, and not just on your block. Laduree teamed up with Japanese designer Tsumori Chisato to create a gorgeous, limited-edition box to house the new cherry blossom macarons and candle. This feminine keepsake will also be home to our jewelry, hair pins and trinkets long after we devour those delicious sweets.

Limited Edition Tsumori Chisato Box, six macarons, $25; Limited Edition Tsumori Cherry Blossom Candle, $62, 646-558-3157

Wedge-heeled sneakers

3 Since New York Fashion Week, we've been lusting over wedge-heel sneakers.

Ash's Bowie style — see Jourdan Dunn sporting a pair — are a cheaper alternative to those Isabel Marant kicks seen on so many fashion editors.

Ash Bowie wedge sneaker, $225, www.ashfootwearusa.com

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TV watch list

'The River'

DRAMA. The death of a crewmember ensures even shakier camera action as chaos grips the Magus team in tonight's season finale. **Season finale, 9 p.m., ABC**

'Cougar Town'

COMEDY. Jules struggles to work through the baggage of Grayson's single days. It's going to be one heck of a workout, because tonight her hubby-to-be finds out he fathered a baby girl he never knew he had. **8:30 p.m., ABC**

'Justified'

DRAMA. Quarles becomes increasingly unpredictable. **10 p.m., FX**

'Fashion Star'

REALITY. The contestants design for the ultimate judge: The everyday shopper who will be buying their wares at H&M, Macy's and Saks Fifth Avenue. **10 p.m., NBC**

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Advice

Learn to be savvy about cereal

Don't be misled by claims on breakfast cereals like "whole wheat," "organic" and "supports your child's immunity." A recent Yale University study found that parents rated cereals with these kinds of labels as being healthier than others — but many actually scored below average on a nutrition scale. Instead of going by front-of-package promises, check the Nutrition Facts Panel for these details:

High fiber
Choose a box that has at least 3g per serving to help keep your child full throughout the morning.

Whole grain
Many cereals contain some whole grains, but for the healthiest option, pick one that lists a whole grain, such as whole wheat or whole oats, as the first ingredient.

Low sugar
Aim for less than 10g per serving. If your kid's favorite has too much, mix it with a low-sugar variety.

Fortified
If your child doesn't take a multivitamin, his cereal can be a key source of nutrients such as iron and calcium.

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▶ Make sure his cereal is high in fiber and low in sugar.

Health in brief

Help kids kick cancer

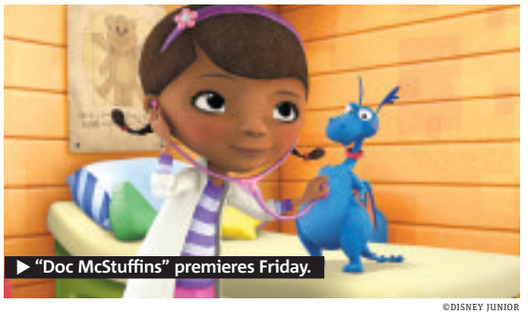
Kids Kicking Cancer is a nonprofit that provides free lessons in martial arts, breathing and meditation to sick children. Rabbi Elimelech Goldberg founded the organization after his daughter passed away from leukemia, and since then KKC has trained 6,000 children. The federal government has stopped providing funding for the program, and now it needs your help to stay afloat in NYC. You can visit http://powerpeacepurpose.com to contribute to the kick-butt cause.

Want to get pregnant? There's an app for that

The new e.p.t. Ovulation Calculator is a free app that tracks your menstrual cycle, allowing you to see when you're most fertile. It also boasts 35 fertility tips and can send e-mail or calendar reminders to you right before your expected ovulation. What will they think of next?

Smart series

We couldn't help but perk up our ears and let out an "aw" when we heard about "Doc McStuffins," a new show premiering this Friday at 10 a.m. on Disney Channel (and 4 p.m. on the new 24-hour Disney Junior channel). The animated series features Doc, a little girl whose stuffed animals talk to her when they're not feeling well. The show, aimed at kids ages 2-7, teaches lessons in hygiene, self-care and what to expect from a visit to the doctor's office. The Hollywood Health & Society division of the USC Annenberg Norman Lear Center — which also advises "Grey's Anatomy" — is the series' health and medical consultant. METRO/ME



▶ "Doc McStuffins" premieres Friday.

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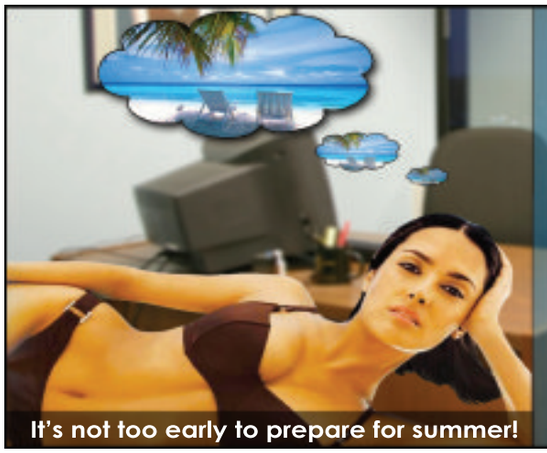

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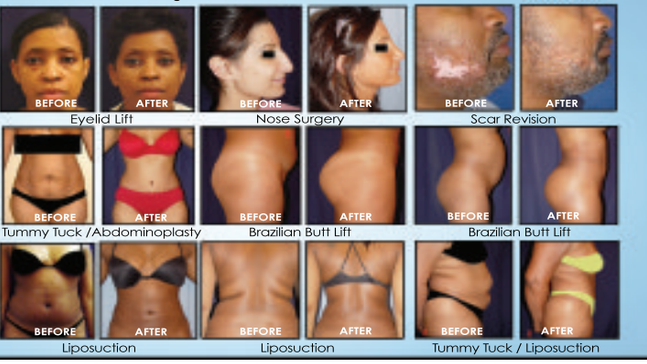

How to keep your kids out of the medicine cabinet

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▶ A number of medicines are designed to look like candy, making them tempting treats in a child's eyes.

About 165 young kids — or roughly four school busloads of children — are seen every day in U.S. emergency rooms after getting into medications, according to Safe Kids Worldwide. It's National Poison Control Week, and to help ensure your meds are kept away from little fingers, here are some tips on proper storage:

▶ Always store medicines and vitamins in a locked location, out of the reach and sight of children.

▶ Always put medicines and vitamins away after every use. Never leave them on the counter between dosings. Don't be tempted to "keep them handy" in a purse, backpack or briefcase — or in an unlocked cabinet or a drawer within a child's reach.

▶ Buy child-resistant packages when available, and securely close them every time.

▶ Remind houseguests to keep purses and bags that contain medicine up and away when they visit.

▶ To help you remember to take your medications when they're out of sight, send yourself an e-mail or set an alarm.

▶ Program the poison control center number — 1-800-222-1222 — into your home and cell phones.

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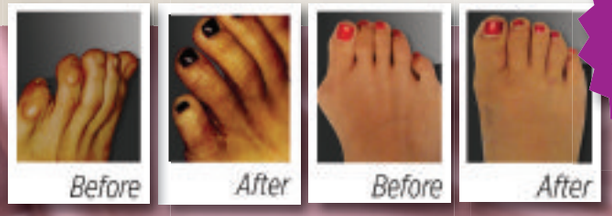

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Letters

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People fear Bible because it's true!

RE: "LET'S BE FAIR TO ALL OF WORLD'S RELIGIONS": Wow, two letters in three days from that noted biblical scholar JD Lucas. To paraphrase the great C.S Lewis, if you can't understand a book written for grown-ups, you shouldn't talk about it. And to Mr. Ahern: I think the reason people predominantly attack the Bible is because people are afraid it's true. Better (and easier) to attack it than to be confronted by it. I should know, I did the same thing once.
RICK VOGENITZ, VIA E-MAIL

Race only matters because we think so

RE: "SO YOU THINK RACE DOESN'T MATTER?": Race does matter. Although it only matters because we're taught that it does. We're groomed to associate certain things with certain races. We teach our kids, friends and family that race matters. Even though it's one of the most difficult topics to comprehend we try so hard to understand it. So for things like that, that's why race matters. Only because we make it matter. **AARON JASPER, VIA E-MAIL**

Every time there is fair criticism of Obama, the left screams "racist right." These statements make the false assumption that (1) every one of Obama's critics is white and (2) every critique of Obama must be racially driven. Well guess what, liberals. Just like the prominent civil rights activist Cornell West, I am part of a large, educated black community that does not support Obama. Are we racist, too? **WILLIAM FINE, VIA E-MAIL**

"I am not sure that voting third-party is the solution."

RE: "WHY VOTING THIRD PARTY ISN'T A WASTE": Brayden Simms' insightful article effectively shows the inherent flaws in our two-party system. However, I am not sure that voting third-party is the solution, particularly since most American third parties tend to be at the extremes of the political spectrum. What we need is a centrist third party or independent candidate.
HELEN WILSON, VIA E-MAIL

Simms gets fooled by Ezra Klein's Karl Rove quotes. He repeats the false dichotomy that "both parties are guilty of this practice." Democrats were against the Mars mission and privatizing Social Security because those were bad ideas that promised to gut science in one and the safety net in the other. On the other hand, Republicans ran away from the ACA just as he describes.
KEVIN DOWD, VIA E-MAIL

President Obama is a radical liberal thug

Of course radical liberals hiding in the Democratic ranks will fire up those who won't read the facts. The "followers" who'll believe cheap talk, like the 12 million who believed that "work would set them free." The JFK Dems who wanted to serve their country and not wait for a handout are gone. Obama is on record as stating that he will not enforce federal law, saying he'll enact laws by "Presidential decree" and "regulation". He refuses to respect the Christian faith while embracing our enemies' "faith." Obama is not a president; he's still an "organizer." He is a divider. Can we really trust this Chicago thug anymore?
JOHN BEVAN, VIA E-MAIL

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Horoscope

♓ Pisces **Feb. 20-March 20.** It'll be your optimistic, hopeful manner that will smooth over the road you have to travel. In doing so, it will also make things better for those who journey at your side.
♈ Aries **March 21-April 19.** Don't be reluctant to think big and act boldly if your intuition tells you to move on something. If you are afraid to take a well-calculated chance, nothing will ever change.
♉ Taurus **April 20-May 20.** People who have clout and influence are more likely to take a chance on you than would an average person. However, the request you ask of the powerful must make sense.
♊ Gemini **May 21-June 20.** The chances of achieving an important objective look pretty good if you set your mind to it. Once more, you won't hesitate to include others in what you've accomplished.
♋ Cancer **June 21-July 22.** Maintain an optimistic outlook and your expectations and dreams could easily become realities. Focus on your targets and keep them in your sights until they become a fait accompli.
♌ Leo **July 23-Aug. 22.** Up until now, it may have looked as if you'd gone unappreciated, overlooked and ignored for something on which you worked hard and long. Not so — your rewards are at hand.
♍ Virgo **Aug. 23-Sept. 22.** Just when you thought the world was against you, you'll discover that a loyal ally has been working on your behalf for some time. You could never have gotten far without his or her help.
♎ Libra **Sept. 23-Oct. 23.** If another picks you to be his or her designated agent, do what you can by making the best deal possible. Even if it was supposed to be just a favor, you're apt to receive a reward.
♏ Scorpio **Oct. 24-Nov. 22.** Things aren't likely to work out the way you envision them, but don't get upset – they could end up even better. It just proves that it's wise to never prematurely judge people or events.
♐ Sagittarius **Nov. 23-Dec. 21.** Tough tasks that challenge your imagination could prove to be both fun and profitable. Unraveling the knotty problems that leave your associates stumped will give you a thrill.
♑ Capricorn **Dec. 22-Jan. 19.** Some people you meet could end up playing important roles in your affairs down the line. Be sure to remember their names, as well as get their contact information.
♒ Aquarius **Jan. 20-Feb. 19.** You're apt to be exceptionally fortunate in a matter where something of material value is at stake. Wait to cash in until the most propitious moment.
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SUDOKU **LEVEL: HARD**

Solution to yesterday's crossword

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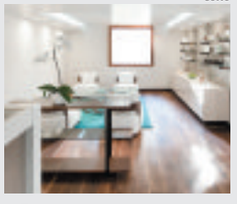

The spa

COMO Shambhala Urban Escape: Nestled in The Metropolitan is one of London's newest, most ambitious spas: The COMO Shambhala Urban Escape, which offers Asian-inspired therapies as well as a resident acupuncturist. Among the treatments on the menu are Dr. Perricone facials (the only spot in the U.K. to offer them), a full spread of massages, reflexology and Shiatsu, as well as basic manicure, waxing and paraffin treatments.

The neighborhood

Belgravia: It's hard to get more well-heeled than the Belgravia neighborhood of London, which is steeped with history and tasteful largess. Although you probably can't afford a flat there (it's one of the wealthiest districts in the world, with some homes going for the jaw-dropping price of £4,671 per square foot) you can afford to book the fabulous tour guide/journalist Sophie Campbell, who gives unique history lessons on the neighborhood as well as visits to charming area shops and restaurants (www.urbangentry.com).

The now-Duchess of Cambridge and her family stayed in Belgravia the night before her wedding to Prince William.

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The Duchess of Cambridge

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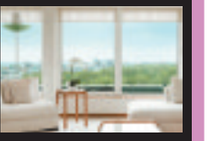
The chic snack

William Curley's "Couture Chocolate Afternoon Tea": Regain your energy after traipsing through Belgravia with a true British institution: Afternoon tea. The Halkin (www.halkin.como.bz), one of the finest hotel properties in London and located in the neighborhood, offers a chic spin on the custom with their William Curley's "Couture Chocolate Afternoon Tea." Created by William Curley, the four-time winner of "Britain's Best Chocolatier," the tea features freshly made scones with clotted cream and jams and a selection of sandwiches, as well as an a la carte selection with standouts such as sea salt caramels and raspberry tart and chocolate macaroons. Want something a little stronger than tea? You can request a champagne accompaniment with your order for a little extra.

Where to stay



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3 Unexpected places to meet Disney characters

Characters can be found everywhere at Walt Disney World Here are three great, and somewhat surprising, places to meet your favorite cartoons

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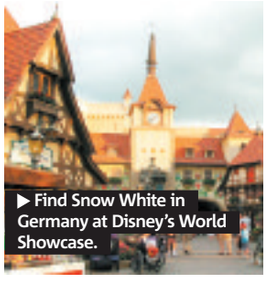
Of the four Disney theme parks, Epcot's where it's easiest to find Mickey Mouse.

On the hunt for your favorite mouse while at Disney World? Here's where you can track him down:

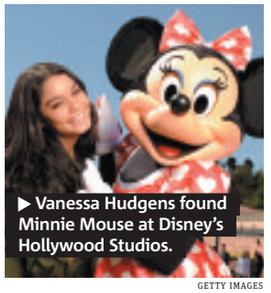
Innoventions: Mickey does meet and greets at all four theme parks but, surprisingly, the best spot to find him is Epcot. The meet-and-greet location in Future World, next to Innoventions, is a good spot to meet not only Mickey — but also Minnie, Donald, Goofy, Pluto and Chip and Dale, who all check in at alternating times. The best part is that guests only have to stand in line once to see all the "fab five" — and this line is indoors, with cartoons playing on TVs to help keep the kid entertained.



Find Snow White in Germany at Disney's World Showcase.

World Showcase: Not just for adults anymore, the World Showcase is a great place to meet characters. And the pictures could not be in a more perfect setting. Each country boasts a number of characters: for example, the Beast can be found with Belle in France, Mulan and Mushu are in China, and Snow White has her own wishing well in Germany.

Hollywood Studios Backlot: Those looking for Pixar characters need go no further than the Art of Animation at Disney's Hollywood Studios. Characters from Pixar movies can always be found here, as well as Mr. and Mrs. Incredible. Drop by the Backlot area to meet Lightning McQueen.



Vanessa Hudgens found Minnie Mouse at Disney's Hollywood Studios.

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Balancing debt, income

Total school loan debt in the U.S. reached $1 trillion last year — which is more than credit card debt. Students graduating last spring owed an average of $22,900.

These loans can be a good investment. Someone with a bachelor's degree will earn 70 to 80 percent more than someone who only has a high school diploma. In addition, college graduates have an unemployment rate that's about half as high as the rate for people without college degrees.

Clearly, having a college degree has financial benefits, but it's important not to take on more debt than the increased income justifies, according to Mark Kantrowitz, expert on financing higher education.

"What you need is a balance between debt at graduation and annual income," Kantrowitz says. "If the total debt figure is less than one year's income, you can pay off the debt in 10 years." If the amount is greater than a year's salary, though, it can take up to 20 years to pay off.

Kantrowitz, publisher of two websites that help students finance their education, FastWeb.com and FinAid.com, says "Pursue your dreams, but economize as you do it. If you take on too much debt to pursue your dream, you may have to abandon your dream."

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▶ School loans can weigh heavily on students' minds.

How much you'll make

A 2011 report by the Pew Research center based on data by the U.S. Census Bureau gives the following figures for total lifetime earnings by amount of education:

- High school graduate: $1.6 million
- Some college: $1.9 million
- Associate's degree: $2.0 million
- Bachelor's degree or more: $3.3 million

In addition, the study found that the incomes of workers with less education don't rise as much over time as workers with more education. "As a result, the difference in average earnings across education groups gets larger as workers age," the report says.

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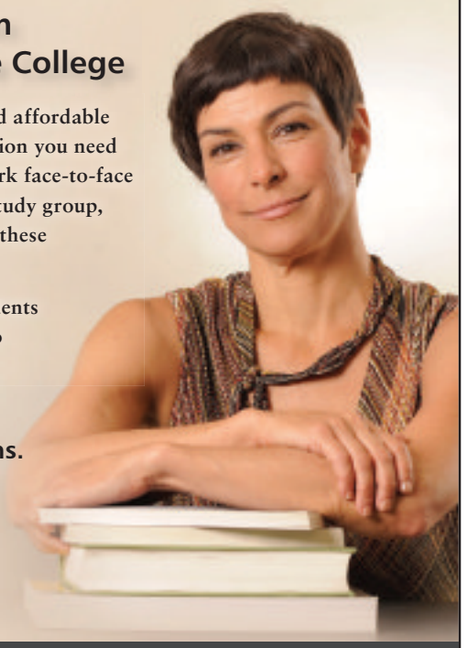

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Jets sign safety Landry to one-year deal

After a surprisingly quiet offseason, the Jets fully waded into the free agency pool yesterday afternoon with the addition of safety LaRon Landry.

A team source confirmed to Metro New York that the former Redskins safety "agreed in principle" to a one-year, $4 million deal after visiting with the Jets this past weekend. The Jets had also entertained Bengals safety Reggie Nelson earlier this weekend, but Nelson decided to stay in Cincinnati. The inability to sign Nelson made Landry the Jets' top free agent priority.

Upgrading the secondary was a major concern heading into the offseason. Eric Smith, who signed a long-term deal with the Jets last season, consistently showed a lack of speed.

17 Landry has played in just 17 games over the last two seasons due to injuries.

Landry ran a 4.37 second 40-yard dash at the 2007 NFL Combine, but has bulked up since then.

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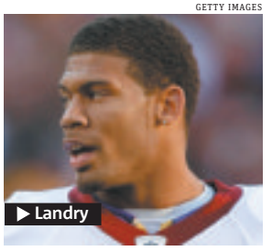

▶ Landry

"He's a good player but he was always able to make plays because of his speed," a league source said. "He can lower the boom now, but can he move around like he once did? You lose something when you add size like that."

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Rangers get best of boxing match

▶ Fights begin at drop of puck in 4-2 Rangers win ▶ Blueshirts clinch a playoff spot with win ▶ Callahan, Dubinsky, Stepan line lead way to victory

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▶ Martin Brodeur had 23 saves, but allowed four through to give their rival Rangers the literally hard-fought victory.

The assignment for the Rangers last night was to equal the hate the Devils have for their New York City-area brethren. In one very ugly incident, they accomplished their mission.

Rangers coach John Tortorella and Devils coach Pete DeBoer screamed unflattering epithets at each other before the opening puck drop. The cross words were immediately followed by an exchange of left and right crosses between Mike Rupp and Eric Boulton, Brandon Prust and Cam Janssen, and Stu Bickel and Ryan Carter.

30 Total time in penalty minutes for six five-minute majors for fighting just three seconds into the match. Stu Bickel received a 10-minute misconduct as well.

The scene, a figurative and literal black eye for the NHL, occurred three seconds into the Rangers' 4-2 win over the Devils last night.

With the win, the Rangers clinched a playoff berth and increased their conference and divisional lead over Pittsburgh to three points, 97-94.

Mats Zuccarello scored the game-winning goal for the Rangers, while Brandon Dubinsky, Dan Girardi and Derek Stepan also scored. Henrik Lundqvist had 19 saves.

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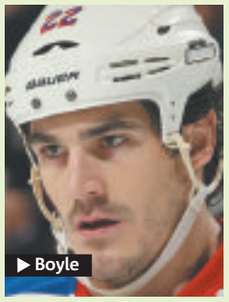

▶ Boyle

Devils rivalry a portent of upcoming playoff games

With the Rangers clinching a spot in the playoffs they know the focus now moves from the chase to gearing up for the future.

And that means increasing the intensity — starting with last night's contest against their crossriver rivals.

When the Rangers lost 4-1 to the Devils on March 6, the team admitted they didn't match New Jersey's level of effort.

"They hated us tonight," Brian Boyle said after the March 6 loss. "They wanted to kill us and we need to match that."

Last night's game was the last in the regular season series between the two team, and just nine games are remaining before the truly vital games are contested. The team isn't worried about a lack of passion though.

"Definitely hope not," Brandon Prust said. "It's something we have to do all the time; make sure we have our intensity up and that's how we play our best hockey. It's key."

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In the news

UNC guard Marshall has wrist surgery

North Carolina point guard Kendall Marshall underwent surgery on his fractured right wrist. Surgeons inserted a screw into the scaphoid bone. Marshall still hasn't been ruled out of this Friday's Sweet 16 game against Ohio. Marshall joked "Successful morning. I'm screwed," on his Twitter account yesterday afternoon. At least we know he's in high spirits. METRO

In the news

Uh oh Utley

Phillies star second baseman Chase Utley is likely to miss Opening Day for the second year in a row.

Utley went to see a knee specialist yesterday after having problems with both knees. He hadn't played this spring due to a right knee injury, but GM Ruben Amaro said both knees were troubling the All-Star.

A timetable for his return is unknown as of now.

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▶ The Queens native said he'd love to play for the Knicks or Nets next season.

St. John's Harkless puts name in draft

St. John's head coach Steve Lavin has assured his team he will be back next year. No such luck for his best player.

Moe Harkless, the Big East Freshman of the Year, officially announced he will leave St. John's and enter the NBA draft. He will hire an agent, making him ineligible to return.

"It has been my lifelong dream to play in the NBA and I am excited to have that opportunity to make the jump," Harkless said at a press conference at MSG yesterday. "I am grateful to my teammates and coaches at St. John's."

Harkless, who averaged 15.5 points per game, is expected to be a mid- to late first-round pick.

"Moe and I have had a number of productive conversations over the past two weeks," Lavin said. "Naturally the discussions covered the pros and cons of leaving St. John's to pursue his dream of playing in the NBA." METRO

Peyton in, Tebow out?

Broncos have won the Peyton Manning derby But that makes the next question obvious, 'Where does Tim Tebow end up?'

The decision didn't come as quickly as many believed, but former Colts quarterback Peyton Manning will sign with the Denver Broncos.

Manning, who will be 36 in a week, was released from the Colts earlier this month in lieu of a $28 million roster bonus due to him. That set in motion a free agency tour which has apparently ended in Denver.

ESPN reports that Manning called Broncos general manager John Elway yesterday morning to say he was looking forward to joining the team. Manning also instructed his agent to negotiate a deal. Should there be no problems, he will join Denver for the 2012-13 season.

The Broncos will reportedly look to trade incumbent quarterback and folk hero Tim Tebow.

Tebow time?

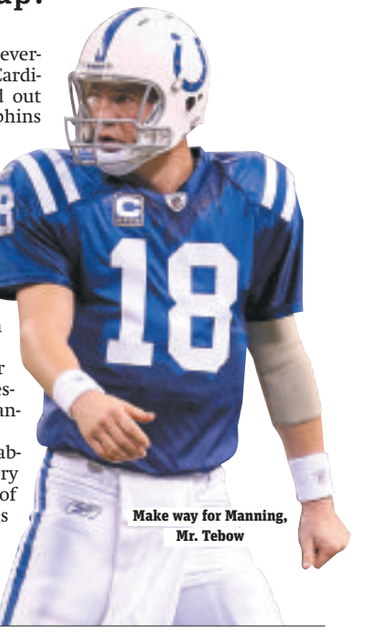
Teams may not exactly be clamoring for Tim Tebow, but fans are. Metro looks at a few possibilities:

1. **Jacksonville Jaguars** Tebow is from northeast Florida, but the Jags drafted Blaine Gabbert in 2011.
2. **Miami Dolphins** Badly in need of a QB, but new coach Joe Philbin runs a pro-style offense.
3. **New England Patriots** Josh McDaniels! Urban Meyer crony Bill Belichick! Not happening.
4. **Cleveland Browns** He doesn't fit Mike Holmgren's West Coast style.

Manning flirted with several teams, including the Cardinals and 49ers. He ruled out the Jets, Chiefs and Dolphins fairly early in the process. But all along he appeared most interested in the Broncos. He traveled to Denver and met with Elway and the Denver brass and then hosted them and head coach John Fox last week in North Carolina.

Elway tweeted after the workout that the session went well and Manning looked good.

Manning is still rehabbing from neck surgery that kept him out all of 2011, but reports are he is regaining arm strength.



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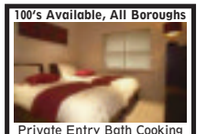
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